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Jumbo greetings



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

Lt. Mark Ferrara, attached to the Surface Warfare Officers School Command, reads a jumbo, 16 by 24-inch Valentine's Day card at the Navy Exchange. NEX is stocked up for Cupid's big day, Feb. 14. Story, more pictures, Pages 8-9.



'54 inferno remembered

The 50th anniversary of a deadly explosion aboard the USS Bennington will be observed in memorial ceremonies here in May.

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SEA to change directorship

The Senior Enlisted Academy at Naval Station Newport prepares for change of director ceremonies this month.

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Winter Fest to draw crowd

Ice sculpting is just one of 150 events planned this month at the 16th annual Newport Winter Festival.

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Educator to speak on Supreme Court landmark decision

By **BOB KREKORIAN**

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport will celebrate African American History Month in a ceremony on Feb. 18 at 11 a.m. in the Building 690 Atrium. The program will be open to military and civilian employees of NAVSTA Newport and tenant commands.

The program includes a literary reading, a performance by the Navy Band Newport's Brass Quintet and a soloist. This year's theme is *Brown vs. Board of Education—The 50th anniversary*.

On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court unanimously declared that separate educational facilities are inherently unequal. The landmark decision was aimed at ending segregation in public schools.

Ms. Eva Jo Gaines, an educator and member of the Newport School committee, will be the guest speaker. She has been a member of the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education since 1985 and is the current vice president.

Born in Anderson, S.C., she attended public schools, and later attended Xavier University in Louisiana where she pursued a degree in music education. In 1966, she graduated from Salve Regina College with a bachelor's in elementary education with a concentra-

tion in music. She taught music education in Middletown elementary schools from 1966 to 1978.

Ms. Gaines received her master's in guidance and counseling from Providence College and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in career counseling and secondary administration from Bridgewater State College.

From 1978 to 1995, she was a guidance counselor at Middletown High School. She retired in 1995 as director of guidance services at the high school. She is the Northeast Area director for the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Boards of Education representing New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She had been a freshmen academic adviser at Salve Regina University.

Ms. Gaines is a member of the executive board and second vice president of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees.

A graphic display in the atrium will highlight the achievements of African Americans in politics, civil rights law, education, and Medal of Honor recipients; and includes the four-part educational video series, *Africans in America: America's Journey through* **EDUCATOR**



Airman Chris M. Valdez/U.S. Navy photo

A Marine Corps fighter, attached to the carrier USS Carl Vinson, performs a supersonic fly-by over the Pacific for Columbia Pictures, filming for the upcoming motion picture, *Stealth*. Production companies reimburse the government for any additional expenses beyond what the Navy would normally spend during a normal underway period.

Newport Naval Cable TV

'Sea Saber' targets weaponry

Navy and Marine Corps News airs daily at 8:30 a.m., noon and 5:30 p.m. on channel 11. Look for the following stories and more on this week's show:

— U.S. Marines and allied Special Forces participate in "Sea Saber 2004" to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

— Republic of Georgia troops learn to modernize their military forces from U.S. Marines.

— USS Bataan (LHD 5) leaves Norfolk to transport U.S. Marines in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Health and Wellness Videos

The Naval Ambulatory Care Center and the Health Promotion Action Council offer Health education and wellness programs on channel 13, daily, following *Navy and Marine Corps News*.

During next week's featured segments, beginning Feb. 9, learn more about *Stroke* and *Thyroid Disorders Cataracts and Back Pain (Lower Back)*.

If interested in classroom/video programs or in participating in the Health

Promotion Action Council, call the Health Promotion Department at 841-6777.

Fleet and Family Support

Parents and teenagers may be interested in the Fleet and Family Support Center video series. These programs deal with a variety of topics, which are of interest to children of all ages, and families.

The programs air daily on channel 11 at 10 a.m., 1:30 and 7 p.m.

Call 841-3538 for a schedule.

Strategist focuses on N. Korea

Dr. Jonathan Pollack, director of the Strategic Research Department, Naval War College, will give a free lecture on "North Korea: The Inevitable Crisis?" on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy at Salve Regina University.

A specialist on East Asian political and strategic affairs (especially China), Dr. Pollack

was previously affiliated with RAND in Santa Monica, Calif., where he served in a wide array of research and management capacities over the past two decades.

He received his master's and doctorate from the University of Michigan and was a post-doctoral scholar at Harvard.

Dr. Pollack has published widely on China's political and strategic roles; the internation-

al politics of Asia; U.S. policy in Asia and the Pacific; and Chinese technological and military development.

His most recent paper was *Preparing for Korean Unification: Scenarios and Implications* in 1999.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Those interested in attending should RSVP at 341-2927 or email to pellcenter@salve.edu.

Navalog

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Survivors slate tribute to victims of ship explosion



USS Bennington Association photos
SMOKE BILLOWS from the crippled aircraft carrier USS Bennington off Newport after an explosion below decks in May 1954. More than 100 were killed. Top photo, two Sailors take a break in their berthing spaces aboard the carrier in 1953.

By **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
Navalog editor

Stanley M. Remillard, an enlisted commissaryman for 20 years in the Navy, always considered the aircraft carrier USS Bennington (CAV20) a jinxed ship. After it returned from a Mediterranean cruise in 1953-54, he couldn't wait to get off.

"It was having bad accidents all the time," said Remillard, 79, of Taunton, Mass., who was visiting Newport Naval Station last week.

Commissioned in August 1944, a typhoon buckled the flight deck of the carrier in 1945. There were several flight deck crashes in the years that followed.

In 1953 a boiler room explosion killed 11, and during an at-sea refueling evolution in

heavy weather, a Sailor was washed overboard and crushed between the two ships.

But as bad luck would have it, Remillard received orders to report back to the 27,100 ton Essex class flattop as ship's company.

Attached to Carrier Group 7 (CAG7), Squadron VA75, he was a second class petty officer working the breakfast detail in the messdecks on May 26, 1954. The ship had just sailed down Narragansett Bay from Quonset Point after picking up an air group, and was beginning flight trials off Newport.

Just after 6 a.m., a catapult malfunctioned, causing several explosions and fire in the forward compartments.

"Smoke came rolling down the passageway," he said. "For some reason, I put all the lids on the pots of food."

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Senior Enlisted due new director

By **JOY CHRISTMAS**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Command Master Chief Ralph Rao will relieve Command Master Chief Stephen J. Gielczyk as director in charge of the Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Naval Station Newport.

Capt. Douglas D. McDonald, Commanding Officer, Center for Naval Leadership Headquarters, Little Creek, Va., will be the guest speaker at the formal Change of Office ceremony at Tomich Hall on Elliot Avenue beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Master Chief Gielczyk will retire on March 30 with 30 years of honorable naval service.

Master Chief Rao reported to SEA in August 2002 and will take the helm after serving as a faculty adviser and senior



Gielczyk



Rao

instructor.

A graduate of Senior Enlisted Academy Class 46, Master Chief Rao was also the recipient of the Peter Tomich Honor Graduate Award. The East Haven, Conn., native also holds a bachelor of science degree from Louisiana State University.

His sea service includes tours aboard destroyer escort USS Barbey; frigates USS Bowen, USS Jessie L. Brown

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A number of things...

50

The number of years since the landmark Supreme Court decision, *Brown vs. Board of Education*. It is the theme this month of National African History Month.

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The number of years that Steven Belichick coached football at the U.S. Naval Academy. His son, Bill Belichick, is now coach of the Super Bowl XXXVIII champion New England Patriots.

35,000

The number of visitors expected to attend Newport Winter Festival events this year, which will include a free concert by the Northeastern Navy Showband.

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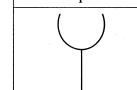
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Sailors of the Year presented cutlasses

The Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOL-COM) held award ceremonies last week. Capt. Mark Buzby, Commanding Officer, presented the awards in Weakley Hall, Jan. 28. SWOS presented cutlasses to their Junior and Senior Sailors of the Year.

The Junior Sailor of the Year is Fire Control Technician Second Class (SW) Anthony Gatehouse; and the Senior Sailor of the Year is Intelligence Specialist First Class (SW) John Lavalley.

Meritorious Service Medal

Cmdr. George Bertsch, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Jan. 28, 2004.

Navy Commendation Medal

Lt. Robert Rulof, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Jan. 28, 2004
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Lt. Ryan Klaahsen, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Jan. 28, 2004
Lt. Marcus Bickley, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Jan. 28, 2004
QMCS(SW) Michael Jones, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Jan. 28, 2004

Navy Achievement Medal

LI1(SW/AW) Elizabeth Lloyd (two medals in one ceremony), Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Jan. 28, 2004
OS1(SW) Jeffery Kryski, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Jan. 28, 2004

Good Conduct Medal

MM2(SW) Joshua Teeter, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Jan. 28, 2004

Flag Letter of Commendation

YN3 Joshua Call, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Jan. 30, 2004
YN3 Altoya Nelson, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, Jan. 28, 2004

Swordsmanship

Capt. Mark Buzby, far left, Commanding Officer, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, presents a cutlass to the Junior Sailor of the Year, Petty Officer Anthony Gatehouse, center, at Weakley Hall recently.

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Chili Cook-Off

Newport Harbor Hotel • Sat., February 14 • 11am-3:30pm Presented by J.P. Serpa Creamery. Area restaurants and caterers compete to see who has the best chili in town! Bring your appetite, taste them all and vote for your favorite! Tickets: Adults: \$7/\$5 w/button; Kids (6-12) \$3/\$2 w/button; Kids 5 and under are free. Warm us at this **hot event!**

BeatleMania Tribute

Newport Marriott • Sat., Feb. 14 • 9pm Sponsored by IHOP Family Restaurant. Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Beatles debut on *The Ed Sullivan Show* with members of “*The CAST of Beatlemania.*” They capture the spirit, look and sound of the *Beatles* with Yesterday, Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds and All My Lovin’. Don’t miss this thrilling performance! Bring your dancing shoes! Tickets: \$15/\$12 w/button.

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Pizza Cook-Off













Hyatt Regency • Sat., February 21 • 11am-4pm Sponsored by Nationwide Insurance. Taste tons of great pizza and vote for your favorite! Tickets-Adults: \$10/\$7 w/button; Kids (6-12) \$6/\$5 w/button; Kids under 4 are free.

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Hyatt Regency • Saturday, Feb. 21 • 9pm Presented by 99.3 Swing FM and Samuel Adams. Don’t miss this incredible night of entertainment as the fantastic **Bellevue Cadillac** plays traditional jump swing boogie with smoothed out bluesy vocals! \$15/\$12 in advance or w/button.

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Fleet and Family Support Center

Learn about your investments

Bring your lunch to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, Feb. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., to learn all you can about Mutual Funds.

Learn how types of funds, and your money could be invested. Get an overview of Stock Market regulations. Registration is required and may be made by calling 841-2283.

Establish good credit — Good credit is an important part of financial planning. Establishing credit, correcting credit problems, and rebuilding good credit are important skills.

Credit reports are used not only by banks, loan companies, and credit card companies, but also by rental property agencies, potential employ-

ers, and can be part of a job security clearance process.

A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will be conducting this program at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come and learn how to read, understand, and correct your credit report. Registration is required and may be made by calling 841-2283.

Lunch and learn movie matinee — Bring your lunch to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Friday, Feb. 13, at 11:30 a.m. and watch the one-hour film, "Building Your Child's Self Esteem." Registration is not required. Just bring your lunch and enjoy the show!!

Effective resumes — The Fleet and Family Support Center is offering a workshop entitled, "Effective Resumes," on Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A resume is one of your most important tools when looking for a job. Learn how to prepare an effective resume that will get you an interview.

For more information or to register, call 841-2283.

Home by myself — The Fleet and Family Support Center has scheduled a Home By Myself workshop on Thursday, Feb. 19, from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is required and may be made by calling 841-2283.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Let's ski Wachusett

Now is the time to sign up for the Information, Tickets & Travel Office annual ski trip on Sunday, Feb. 15! This year, we are heading north to Mt. Wachusett in Princeton, Mass., featuring six lifts and 17 trails covering over 95 acres.

Novice, intermediate and expert skiers as well as snowboarders will find trails to challenge their skills.

Cost is \$65 per adult and \$52 for children 12 and under, including round-trip transportation and an all-day lift ticket. Beginner package available for an additional \$20, includes equipment, lesson and all-day lower mountain lift ticket.

Departure time is 5 a.m. and will return at approximately 8 p.m. Call 841-3116 for more information.

Broadway musicals in Providence

The Information, Tickets & Travel Office in Building 656 has tickets available for the following Broadway musicals coming to the Providence Performing Arts Center in Providence.

Seating is located in the orchestra section for the Sunday matinee performances of the following shows:

Mama Mia, April 4, 1 p.m., \$58

The Graduate, April 18, 2 p.m. \$50.75

Starlight Express (music of Andrew Lloyd Webber), May 23, 2 p.m., \$49.

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What's going on

Try rockin' to bowling

If you like music and like to bowl, come out for Rock 'n Bowl tomorrow night at Seaview Lanes, Naval Station Newport. Beginning at 8 p.m., a DJ will spin all the latest hits while you bowl.

If you roll a strike when the head pin is red, you win a prize. Cost is just \$7 per person. For more information, call 841-4293.

FRIDAY, Feb. 6

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):
— Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
— Scrapbooking, 6 p.m. to midnight.
- University of Rhode Island jazz and World Music Festival concludes, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Center Concert Hall, 105 Upper College Road, Kingston. Features Joseph Parillo and Tsuji Kaiko: Samurai Taiko Drummers. Call 874-2431, or visit www.uri.edu/artseries

• Soup kitchen at Martin Luther King Center, 8:30 a.m., Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, military volunteers welcome.

• Recreation Center movies are shown upon request beginning tonight: *Under the Tuscan Sun* (PG-13); *Out of Time* (PG-13).

SATURDAY, Feb. 7

- Soup kitchen, 4:30 p.m., Community Baptist Church, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard. Military volunteers welcome.

• Rhode Island Philharmonic Classical Series: Classical 4, 8 p.m., Veterans Memorial Auditorium Arts and Cultural Center, Avenue of the Arts, Providence. An all orchestral production. Call 831-3123 or visit www.ri-philharmonic.org

• Seal watch cruise, noon, departing from Bowen's Landing, Newport. Cost: adults, \$18; children under 12

and seniors, \$15. Call 272-3540, ext. 133, or visit www.savebay.org

SUNDAY, Feb. 8

- Chapel of Hope Sunday worship services:
— Protestant service, 8 and 10:30 a.m.
— Catholic mass, 9 a.m. and noon.
- Sunday Brunch, Officers' Club, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Sunday bowling, Sea view Bowling Lanes, Building 656, \$7 per person, two-person minimum per lane.
- Soup kitchen, Salvation Army, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Military volunteer welcome.
- Sunday Birdwalks, 8 a.m. Norman Bird Sanctuary, Third Beach Road, Middletown. Call 846-2577 for more information.

MONDAY, Feb. 9

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):
— Open Sewing, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Fitness Walk and Tone, 8 to 9 a.m., Gym 109.
- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m. Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard. Military volunteers welcome.
- The Muir String Quartet, 8 p.m., Rhode Island College, Sapinley hall, Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence. Call 456-8144.

TUESDAY, Feb. 10

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):
— Fitness Hour 9 to 10:30 a.m.
— Stamp-a-Rama, 9 a.m. \$10 to make up to three projects.
— Scrapbooking, 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 to crop.
- Valentine's Day party, 10:30 a.m. Come make some Valentine cards and crafts.
- Adult Beginner Sewing No. 5, 9 a.m. to noon
- Mutual Funds Workshop, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fleet and Family Support Center. Hear about how to invest your money, regulation, types of funds and more. Call 841-2283.
- Newport Navy Choristers rehearsal, 6:15-8:45 p.m., Quinn Lec-

ture Room at Naval War College. Call 847-4256 or 423-3523 for more information.

- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport; 5 p.m. Military volunteers welcome.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 11

- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):
— Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon. Let the "Y" take care of your child(ren) while you have some time to yourself. \$12.50 for the first child, then \$7.50 each additional child.
- Fleet and Family Support Center, Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Third of three-part workshop to help you adjust to the ending of a love relationship or marriage. Call 841-2283.
- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport. Military volunteers welcome.
- Lecture and book discussion, Zora Neale Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God," Salve Regina University's McKillop Library, 7 to 9 p.m., library's Special Collections area. For more information, call 341-2156.

THURSDAY, Feb. 12

- Armed Services YMCA(846-9622)
— Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Parent and Toddler Playgroup, 10:45 a.m. to noon.
- Sewing (pillows and table runners, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Credit Process Workshop, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fleet and Family Support Center. Learn how to establish, correct and rebuild credit. Call 841-2283 for more information.
- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport. Military volunteers welcome.



Newport Winter Festival media photo

BEATLEMANIA, one of the world's top Beatles tribute bands, will be one of several concert performances this month as the Newport Winter Festival kicks off Feb. 13.

Navy Showband joins 16th Winter Festival

By **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
Navalog editor

The Northeastern Navy Showband will perform in concert next week as part of the 16th annual Newport Winter Festival, the City-by-the Sea's public celebration to shake the winter doldrums.

It also coincides with public schools' winter vacation week.

Under the theme, "Jazz It Up," New England's largest winter extravaganza, Feb. 13-22, will feature more than 150

events, including cocktail-mixing and cooking contests, wine and nacho tasting, sand and ice sculpting, live concerts, scavenger hunts, and storefront decorating competition.

The Showband, a component of Navy Band Northeast, will perform on Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Newport Marriott hotel on Long Wharf.

The concert is free, but admission to other events requires tickets or a commem-

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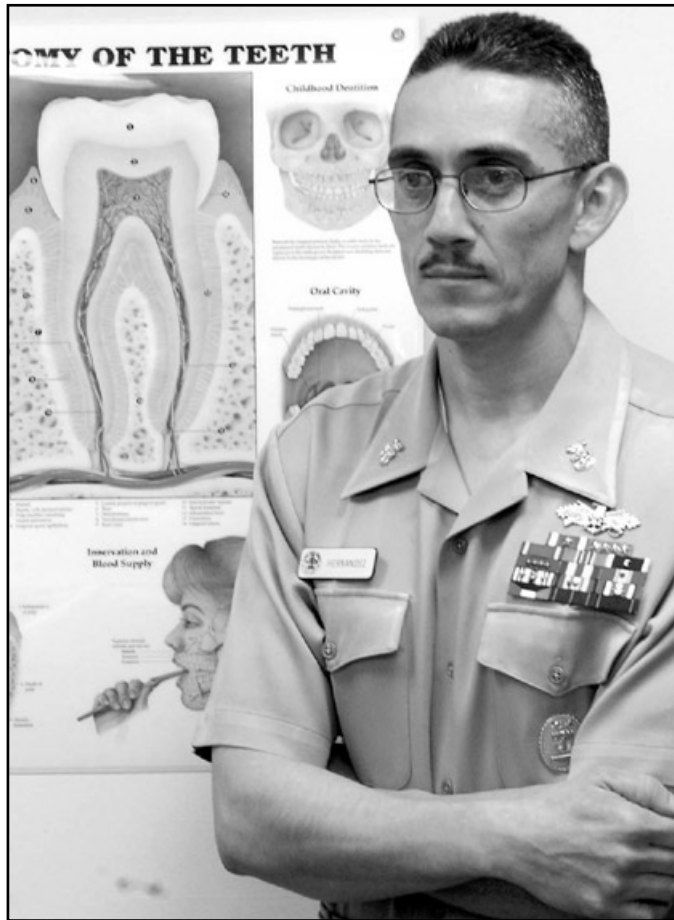
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Quick Take



Name: Master Chief Dental Technician Rigoberto M. Hernandez

Title: Command Master Chief, Naval Dental Center, Northeast

Hometown: Compton, Calif.

Most memorable career event: Rendering morning colors aboard the frigate USS Constitution with my Senior Enlisted Academy Class

Most memorable life event: Being present when all my children were born

Favorite duty station: Naval Dental Center Northeast, Newport, R.I.

Role models: Jesus Christ, my mother, Caesar Chaves and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Free time activities: Spending time with my wife and kids

Favorite book: *The Bible*

Favorite movie: *Forrest Gump*

Favorite TV show: *HGTV*

Favorite sport: Soccer

Favorite professional team: St. Louis Rams

Secret to success: Faith in God. But faith without works is dead. You have to use the talents you are given to their fullest extent.

Favorite local restaurant: Potluck lunches at NDC Northeast

Something I've always wanted to do or be: Travel in a Navy submarine

Pet peeve: Judging people without looking at all the evidence

Favorite quote, motto or phrase: *John 3:16 scripture*

Long-term goal in life: Be witness to as many people as I can about Christ

If you could, what one thing would you add to NAVSTA Newport: A youth center for our kids.

Special events

French view of terrorism

French ambassador to the United States, Jean-David Levitte, will present, "A French View of the War on Terrorism," in Spruance Hall auditorium, Naval War College, on Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

His lecture is part of the Contemporary Civilian Lecture Series.

He has been the French ambassador to the U.S. since December 2002 and is an officer of the Legion of Honor.

For reservations please call 841-4527 or email eveninglecture@nwc.navy.mil by Feb. 9.

E6s to host kids dance

MIDDLETOWN — The Naval Station Newport First Class Petty Officers' Association will host a children's Sweetheart Dance for Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14, 4 to 8 p.m., at the Greene Lane Housing Community Center. Children of military and Department of Defense personnel of all ages are invited. Admission is 50 cents.

A DJ will play pop, rock, R&B, rap and country from the *Billboard's Top 50*.

Concessions of hot dogs, slice pizza, chips, candy, soda and more will be available for 50 cents each.

Volunteers are needed. For more information, please call Culinary Specialist First Class Ronald Robinson at 841-7580 or 849-5465.

Announcements

Free legal aid

Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO) North Central Branch Office at the Naval Justice School, Building 360, offers free legal assistance services, said Lt. Sean Cogley JAGC, Branch Head.

There are appointments available for will consultations, advice on divorce and family law matters, consumer problems, landlord tenant issues and other legal matters. NLSO also prepares powers of attorney and can notarize documents without an appointment.

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NEX helping Cupid shoot love's arrows



HELIUM inflated valentine balloons are weighted by bags or boxes of candy.

PET COLLECTION— Collette Waring, a florist at the NEX, arranges teddy bears for Valentine's Day gifts.



By CAROLYN BAKER

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

The groundhog has spoken. We're in for six more weeks of winter, but the one day we can warm up to is Valentine's Day.

Haven't picked up something for your sweetheart yet? Relax. The Navy Exchange (NEX) has everything you need and at the right price. From traditional flowers and candy to giant cards and funky men's boxer shorts, NEX has a range of gifts for a romantic Valentine's Day.

If you have a long-distance love, check out the card section where American Greeting Cards are all 20 percent off. When you buy two, you get two free stamps.

If you have a local significant other, pick up a jumbo, 16 by 24-inch card for the low price of \$3.95 to express how big your heart is.

If your sweetie has a sweet tooth, check out NEX's assortment of delectable chocolates, from Russell Stover to Godiva, starting at \$4.99. Ranging from the traditional heart shaped box of chocolates to arrangements of chocolates coupled with teddy bears, flowers and even slippers, NEX has you covered.

Godiva is also sponsoring a drawing for a trip for two to Europe with the purchase of select boxes of chocolates.

Valentine's Day is also about flowers—roses specifically. NEX has the most competitive prices around, offering a dozen buds for \$18.99, that may be delivered for \$3 with a minimum purchase of \$25. Florists Jean Fredette and Collette Waring stress that shoppers should "have their orders in early and plan ahead!" They are stocked full of elaborate floral

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THINGS THAT SPARKLE—Lt. Cmdr. Carl Bradley, Naval Command College student at the Naval War College, gets some help with his jewelry from Beanie Riggi, NEX sales associate.



Sgt. Rafael Iglesias, a student at Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training program, picks out some Godiva chocolates.

SCENT OF A MAN — Chief Faron Jusino, visiting Newport from the frigate USS Constitution in Boston, picks out some cologne for her husband.

Ron Fontaine
U.S. Navy photos



Lt. Randy Slaflf, attached to the Surface Warfare Officers School Command, picks out some lingerie for his wife of five years.

Valentine

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arrangements, from baskets brimming with colorful varieties of flowers to romantic displays of wine nestled in a bed of roses.

They also sell boxed roses for \$45 or if you are looking for a something small, they have single roses for \$4.50 and carnations for 75 cents.

If you want a longer lasting gift, check out the clothing and perfume sections at NEX.

Victoria's Secret has a three for \$15 special, featuring favorite scents in body lotions or sprays. NEX offers 50 percent off gift sets of perfumes.

In regards to the Valentine's Day clothing, visual merchandise specialist Joanne Brewster said, "It's all about the prints and colors this year."

NEX has everything from novelty men's boxers and women's panties printed with seductive sayings and colorful patterns from \$1.99 to \$6.99, to sexy lingerie and two-piece sets that start at \$9.99. NEX also has a Boyd's teddy bear featured with a "fresh cut rose" Yankee Candle for \$11.99.

If you really want to take someone's breath away, visit the jewelry counter at NEX where all diamond solitaires are 20 percent off. Lt. Cmdr. Carl Bradley did just that last Christmas and surprised his wife with a diamond ring. He said the service was excellent and both he and his wife are very satisfied with the purchase.

Last week he was back at the NEX jewelry counter for Valentine's Day.

In addition to diamonds, all amethyst jewelry is 25 percent off because it is this month's birthstone.

The Valentine's Day sale started Feb. 4 and lasts until Feb. 14. Flowers for delivery should be ordered before Feb. 12.

After you've secured a gift for the big day, be sure to check out one of the many Valentine's Day events on and around the base.

Sweetheart Dance

The Green Lane Community Center is holding a "Sweethearts Dance" for children on Feb. 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. Admission is 50 cents, and all beverages and snacks such as pizza, soda, hot dogs and candy are



FLOWERS ALWAYS RIGHT — Jean Fredette, florist at NEX, arranges a floral display with a bottle of wine.

50 cents.

A DJ will be playing Billboard's Top 50 songs, ranging from country to hip-hop.

Craft and Card party

The Armed Services YMCA will hold Valentine's events such as a craft and card party on Feb. 10 at 10:30 a.m. and a Valentine's breakfast on Feb. 14 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. where you can make your own pancakes for \$2.

Navy Lodge special

The Navy Lodge Newport is offering a "Crimson Rose Valentine Special" that includes one night at the Navy Lodge, roses, champagne, chocolates, a teddy bear, and rose petals to help you get in that romantic mood. The special runs from Feb. 13 to 15 for the price of \$80. Call 849-4500 for reservations.

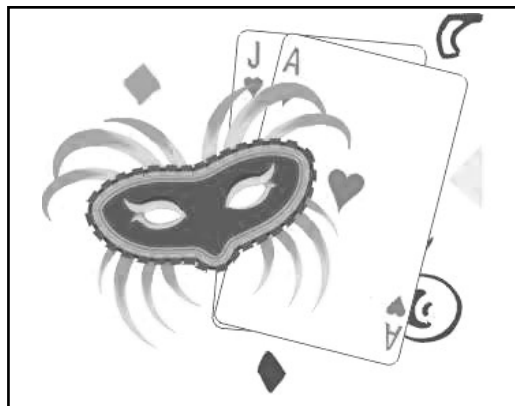
Naval Station Newport Dining

Recreation Center to shorten hours

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department has announced the following changes in its hours of operation for the Recreation Center, Building 656, beginning on Feb. 23:

The Enlisted Lounge—Wednesday to Saturday, 4 to 11 p.m.

CPO Lounge—Wednesday and Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m.; and Friday, 4 to 11 p.m.



MARDI GRAS NIGHT— Come enjoy the excitement of Monte Carlo gaming and the Fat Tuesday madness of Mardi Gras, rolled into one eventful night, Friday, Feb. 27, at the Officers' Club. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. More information this page.

Computer Café—Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Recreation Center kitchen will be open only Wednesday through Saturday, from 4 to 8 p.m. **Lunch service is no longer available.** For more information, call 841-3054.

Seaview Lanes Bowling Center and Information, Tickets & Travel will continue regular hours of operation as follows:

Seaview Lanes— Monday, 5-9 p.m.; Tuesday to Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 7 p.m.; Saturday (bi-weekly), 8 to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.

Information, Tickets & Travel—Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Officers' Club

(Building 95, Phone 841-4821, 846-7987 or 849-3693)

Today: Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., first deck, buffet-style selections.

Tonight: Kick-off the week-end with complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the Topside Pub from 5 to 7 p.m. Order your favorite beverage or something

from the pub menu, available until an hour before closing.

Saturday: Topside Pub opens at 4 p.m. Full pub menu available until one hour before closing.

Upcoming Events:

Advance tickets may be required for the following events. Gratuity is included in all ticket prices and there is no charge for children age 3 and under at special events.

Tickets are available at the Officers' Club Gift Shop during normal hours of operation or by phone using Visa or MasterCard.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 846-7987 or 841-4821.

Valentine's Dinner Show: Your Valentine will feel extra special if you purchase tickets to this fabulous evening of romance! Treat

your love to an exquisite dinner followed by dancing to the music of the incredible Mac Chrupcala Band on Friday, Feb. 13, at the Officers' Club.

The romantic menu begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails (cash bar) served in the Bay Room. Baskets of warm bread and Caesar salad are the preview for the main course — a sumptuous surf 'n turf dinner of Chateaubriand and baked stuffed lobster.

Dessert for two is oversized strawberry shortcake topped with fresh whipped cream and served with coffee.

After dinner, lace up your dancing shoes and take to the floor as you enjoy an energetic and musically diverse performance by local favorites, The Mac Chrupcala Band. Your Valentine is going to love you if you purchase tickets to this fabulous evening of romance!

Tickets to this romantic event cost \$29.85 per person, including gratuity and are on sale now at the Officers' Club Gift Shop. To purchase by phone using Visa/MC, call 846-7987.

Monte Carlo – Mardi Gras Madness: Come enjoy the excitement of Monte Carlo gaming and the Fat Tuesday madness of Mardi Gras, rolled into one eventful night, Friday, Feb. 27, at the Officers' Club.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. Ticket price is \$30 per person and includes New Orleans specialty hors d'oeuvres, a complimentary beverage, Mardi Gras "money," trinkets and prizes. Enjoy black jack tables, craps, roulette and a DJ spinning festive music through out the night! Hang on to that funny money, the evening will end with an "auction!"

Tickets are on sale at the Officers' Club Gift Shop, or order by phone using Visa/MC at 846-7987.

Enlisted Lounges (Recreation Center, Building 656, phone 841-3054)

Today: Lunch served from 11 a.m. featuring sandwiches, burgers, soups and salads and creamy white New England-style clam chowder.

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Leisure

Youth/special fitness activities

(Gym 109, 841-3154)

• **Youth fitness program:** Eligible youth wishing to utilize Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department fitness facilities (Gym 109 and FITNESS Plus) are required to take a mandatory resistance and aerobics training class prior to entering the facilities during the designated times.

This class is required for youth ages 10 to 15, and is also available for 16 and 17-year-olds that may also choose to participate in the fitness assessment program instead.

The Youth Fitness Class is available on an individual basis by pre-registering at Gym 109 or FITNESS Plus in Building 355. Parents are required to be in the building where the course is being held during all class sessions.

Complete details on this program and youth fitness policies are available at Gym 109. Call 841-7196 for information or to pre-register.

Swimming Lessons

(Pool 307, 841-6628)

The next session of swim lessons will run from March 8 to April 2. Lessons meet twice a week for four weeks, cost \$50 per person and take place for 30 minutes.

Lessons offered are: Preschool, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. Beginning Monday, Feb. 23 registrations will be accepted at the Athletic Director's Office, Gym 109, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Classes fill-up fast and are limited, so register early! For more information, call Jeff Cornell in Gym 109 at 841-7196.

Gymnasium

(Gym 109, 841-3154 or FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 841-1474)

• **Intramural Volleyball:** Register today for the intramural volleyball league at Gym 109! Open to adults 18 and over, registrations will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. Matches begin March 22 and are played Monday through Thursday evenings at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. through May 20.

Active duty, retirees, reservists, dependents and DoD civilians are welcome to participate. There is a \$15 fee for DoD civilians. All teams are required to pay a \$100 refundable forfeit fee, and teams must have matching shirts with numbers by the first game.

Deadline for registrations will be on March 31. There will be a coaches meeting March 17 at 4:30 p.m. in Gym 109. For more information, call Marty Sullivan at 841-7196.

Massage therapy offered at **Fitness Plus:** Need to reduce muscular aches and pains? Or do you want to feel more relaxed? A massage therapist will be available at Fitness Plus, Building 355. Body-Wise Therapeutic Massage will be offering a variety of services. Pick from Swedish relaxation massage, sports massage, trigger-tender point therapy or deep tissue massage.

Techniques may be combined to best suit your needs. The prices for massages are: \$35 for a half-hour and \$65 for a full hour. For questions on massages, call 848-9825. For an appointment, call Fitness Plus at 841-1474.

Music/games

(Building 656, 841-3054)

• **Lunchtime BINGO,** Thursday and Friday only. Cover all the numbers on your BINGO card within the designated amount of numbers called and you will win \$500! If no one wins, play continues until a good BINGO is called, winning that lucky person \$100.

Jackpot game begins at 12:30 p.m.

• **The next Karaoke night** will be next Saturday, Feb. 14, 8 p.m.

No cover charge, open to all hands. To celebrate Valentine's Day, Roses will be available and prizes will be awarded.

10 Winter Festival brings Family Fun!

Opening Ceremony • FRIDAY, FEB. 13 • 6PM • HYATT REGENCY, NEWPORT Kick off the 15th Annual Newport Winter Festival with a free concert by Radio Disney AM550 Providence.

J.P. Serpa Chili Cook-Off • SAT., FEB. 14 • 11AM-3:30PM • NEWPORT HARBOR HOTEL Hot, Hot, Hot! All the chili you can eat! Try them all and vote for your favorite! Tickets \$7/\$5 w/ button; Kids (6-12) \$3/\$2 w/button, kids 5 and under free.

Children's Fair • SUN. & MON., FEB. 15 & 16 • 11AM-5PM • NEWPORT MARRIOTT Presented by FIRSTFED, The Newport Daily News and Radio Disney AM550 Providence.

Bring your kids for this fun day of activities, face painting, balloons and much more! Continuous live entertainment featuring Rainforest Reptiles, and The Toe Jam Puppet Band. Radio Disney AM550 has games, music and prizes! Adults & Kids \$4/\$2 w/button.

Pizza Cook-Off • SAT., FEB. 21 • 11AM-4PM • HYATT REGENCY No matter how you slice it...it's going to be fun! Sample all of them and vote for your favorite! Admission \$10/\$7 w/button; Kids (4-10) \$5/\$4 w/button.

The Lucky Show • THURSDAY, FEB. 19 • 7PM • HYATT REGENCY Presented by Hyatt Regency and Nationwide Insurance. This Show is filled with magic, high energy juggling, and comedy. Lucky makes dice appear, disappear, balances furniture on his face, manipulates cards and much more! Free w/ a button. Don't miss dinner specials before the show at the Windward Grille.

Kids Dance Party • AT THE MAMBA ROOM • WED., FEB. 18 • 6:30-8:30PM • RHINO BAR & GRILLE, 337 THAMES ST. Kids ages 7-14 get on the dance floor and learn the latest coolest moves with DanceForce a high energy dance team! \$3/Free w/button. Parents can enjoy dinner at The Rhino Bar & Grille offering Winter Festival specials!

Pancake Eating Contest • SAT., FEB. 21 • 4:30-5:30PM • IHOP FAMILY RESTAURANT Compete or watch in awe! To compete call 847-7666.






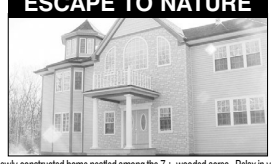
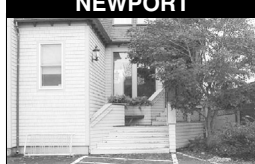


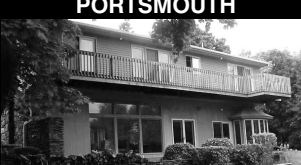
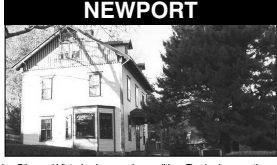

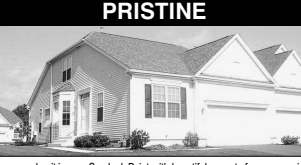
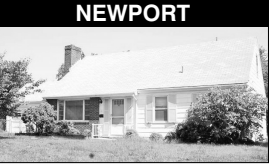

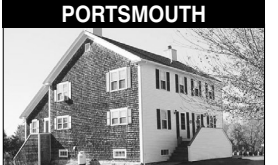
Teddy Bear Tea • WED., FEB. 18 • 11AM • HAMPTON INN SUITES, 317 WEST MAIN RD. Bring your favorite Teddy Bear and listen to enchanting stories by Chris Carbone. Tea for adults, milk for kids. Free w/ button.

Children's Medieval Winter Fest Sunday, FEB. 15 & FEB. 22 • 12-5PM • BELCOURT CASTLE Juggling, comedy and sword-play by *Pastimes Interactive Theater Group*. With button: Kids free and Adults receive \$2 off. (401)846-0669.

Balloon Making Workshop TUES., FEB. 17 • 3:30-4:30PM • NEWPORT HARBOR HOTEL, AMERICA'S CUP AVE. A fun hands-on workshop with balloon artist Ron Sargeant. Ages 8 and up invited to learn to make balloon animals and see complex designs created. \$3/Free w/button. Space limited to 50.

People's Credit Union's Festival Day at Easton's Beach SUNDAY, FEB. 22 • 11AM-2PM — People's Credit Union invites you to a day of family fun at the beach! Carousel rides, (first one free w/button.) **11am — Children's Block Hunt** Entertainment by balloon artist Ron Sargeant, and Suspenders Juggling Troupe. **Sand Sculpture Contest** Fun for all ages. See who can build the most extraordinary structure. Judging at 2pm. Prizes sponsored by **People's Credit Union** and **Southwest Airlines**. To pre-register a team call 847-7666, or register at the Beach the day of, at 10:30am.

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Sports

NAPS back on road after loss to Middies

The Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) men's basketball team went on the road last week and defeated Roxbury Community College, 82-70, in

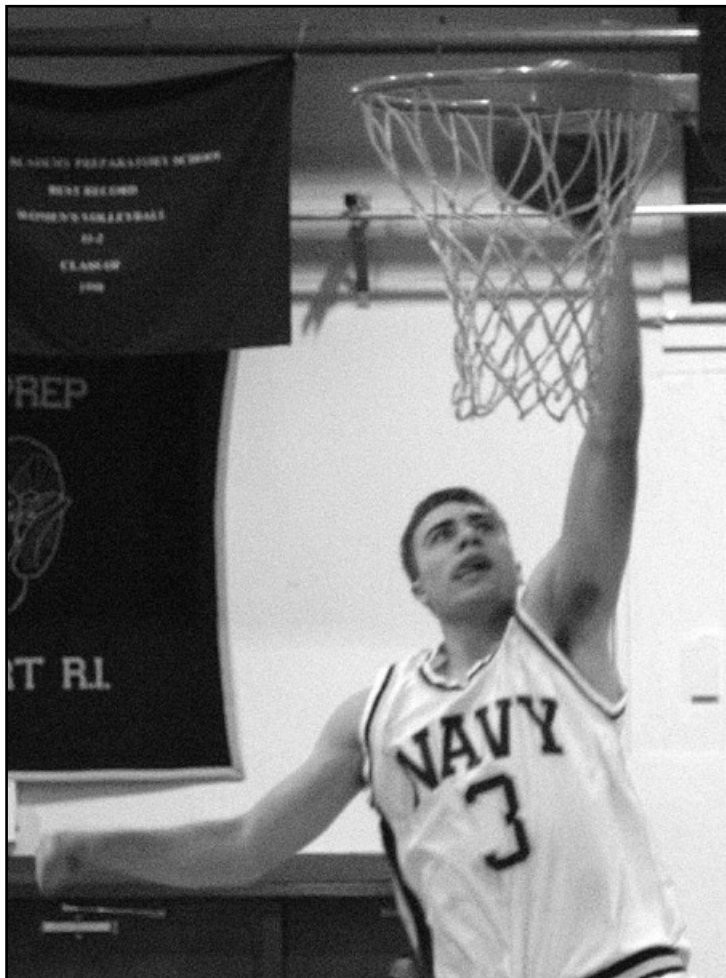
Roxbury Crossing, Mass., head coach Christian Appleman said.

Midshipman Candidate Thomas Abernethy had a big game for Navy, scoring 13 points and blocking seven shots. Jeff Prebeck (12) and Kevin Neveu (10) continued their solid play and also contributed double figure efforts.

On Jan. 30, the Rams traveled to Annapolis, Md., to meet the Naval Academy junior varsity in Alumni Hall, but came up short, 84-76.

NAPS took a 37-35 lead into the locker room at halftime, only to be done in by hot-shooting Adam Allegro's 17 second-half points. On the NAPS side, Greg Sprink drained two 3-pointers on his way to scoring 18 points, while Mark Fannin (17) and Corey Johnson (10) also contributed to the balanced Ram offensive attack.

This week the Rams visited St. Thomas More on Tuesday night, and Massasoit Junior College last night.



PHC Bob Inverso/U.S. Navy photo

Navy Prep guard Greg Sprink lays up as shot during competition in Gym 302 last month.

Intramural basketball

The Naval Station Newport Intramural Basketball League results for the week ending Jan. 30, follow:

18 and over Jan. 22

BDC Flossers def. B. Game, 41-39
NACC Devil Dogs def. Boost Alpha, 51-49

Jan. 26

Icy Hot def. Hard "8," 57-38
NACC Devil Dogs def. BDC Flossers, 50-43
Hit Men def. REDCOM, 51-23

Jan. 29

NACC Devil Dogs def. B-Game, 43-31
BOOST Alpha def. BDC Flossers, 52-50
NFA def. Wolerines, 66-54

Standings

NWC & Icy Hot.....3-0
NACC.....3-0
Devil Dogs.....3-0
NFA.....2-1

SWOS Hotmen.....2-1
SWOS Hard 8.....1-2
BDC Flossers.....1-2
BOOST Alpha.....1-1
MARDET Wolverines.....1-2
SWOS B-Game.....0-2
REDCOM No. 1.....0-3

35 and over Jan. 21

NWC Juniors def. NWC Seniors, 60-41
NWC Juniors def. Grumpy Old Men, 59-31
1st Draft Pick def. Nothin' But Net, 52-48
NWC Juniors def. Nothin' But Net, 69-60
1st Draft Pick def. NWC Seniors, 51-38
1st Draft Pick def. Grumpy Old Men, 53-41

Standings

NWC Juniors.....4-0
1st Draft Pick.....3-1
Nothing But Net.....2-2
Grumpy Old Men.....0-3
NWC Seniors.....0-3

Gear Rental

Rent ice skates at Gear Rental

Going to the Born Family Skating Rink downtown, or to the Fleet Skating Center in Providence?

Visit Gear Rental before you go and rent skates for just \$3 (military)! Gear Rental also has a full line of skis, ski boards and snowboards for rent, making it easy for you to get out and enjoy winter sports! Call 841-2568 for more information.

Get ready to ski Northeast slopes

It's plenty cold and the ski season is here.

Don't wait to have your ski and snowboard measurements taken. Come into Gear Rental, Building 303, and do it today!

Fittings are available Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Appointments are unnecessary for individual fittings; however, groups of five or more should call ahead. Remember, your measurements will be kept on file for the entire season, making it quick and easy to reserve skis! For more information, please call Gear Rental at 841-2568.

Newport Winter Festival Chili Cook-Off

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February 14, 2004



Newport Harbor Hotel
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USS Bennington, sporting its camouflaged painted hull, steams through open water.

Bennington

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The galley quickly filled with smoke, so the 28-year-old put his head down and pulled his t-shirt up over his nose.

The next thing he remembers is being alone, and trying to feel his way out of the galley through the blinding smoke. A trail of discarded half-pint milk containers on the deck saved him, he said.

"I knew the rubbish barrels were near the ladder that led to the upper decks," he said. "I went for the ladder, but got pushed aside four or five times." Panic was setting in.

Remillard then heard a Marine sergeant yell: "Don't panic. Remember your military training!"

That did it, Remillard said. "We all settled down. We lifted an injured man out first, then we all followed quickly up the ladder."

Remillard said he was the last one out of the galley, but the dead and wounded were quickly being brought topside and laid out in the hangar bays.

One hundred and three died that morning (some records say 104), and 220 more were injured. It was one of the worst Navy peacetime disasters.

Because the flight deck was buckled,

Navy and Coast Guard helicopters had to lift the dead and injured to the Newport Naval Hospital on Third Street.

Remillard can recall images of horror that day like it was yesterday.

"There was one fellow, he was burned so bad I didn't know if he was white or black. I couldn't tell if he was a chief or an officer, cause they both wear khaki."

All that was left of his clothing was the hem around is trousers wrapped around both ankles, Remillard said.

"I thought he was dead, but then I could see is stomach slowly rise and fall as he breathed."

Because their berthing spaces were closest to the explosion, Remillard said many of the victims were stewards. They prepare and serve commissioned officers in the wardroom and cabin mess. Of all the stewards in ship's company, only three survived, he said.

Remillard was told a valve on one of the catapults didn't release, which led to a series of two or three explosions.

But a Navy investigation suspected that hydraulic fluid leaked from a catapult, and fumes began to vaporize and filled the sealed and closed spaces. Then a

Sailor lit a cigarette. High octane jet fuel stored nearby also ignited.

Remillard plans to attend a 50th anniversary memorial service planned at Fort Adams State Park this May.

A shipmate, William A. Collins of Newport, and other survivors, have formed a committee to buy and dedicate a memorial to the victims.

Collins said the names of the victims will be inscribed on a granite monument overlooking the East Passage. The relatives of those who died will be invited to join those who survived in dedication ceremonies on May 26 at 11 a.m.

Remillard enlisted in 1943 and got out in 1963. He was first married in 1946, and has two grown children. He later divorced and remarried.

"I'd like to come down to this memorial service he said. "We lost a lot of good guys that day."

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the memorial should contact Collins, care of the USS Bennington Memorial Fund, 24 High St., Middletown, R.I. 02842. Information about Bennington crewmembers may also be emailed to: CVA20@Cox.net.

Director

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and USS Garcia; and submarine tender USS Holland. He served as command master chief aboard hospital ship USNS Comfort, deployed in support of Operation Uphold Democracy; submarine tender USS Simon Lake; and Naval Hospital, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Among his personal decorations, Master Chief Rao has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (three gold stars); Navy Commendation Medal (silver and three gold stars); Joint Service Achievement Medal; Navy Achievement Medals (four gold stars; and a variety of other unit and campaign awards.

His is married to the former Sharon Ray. They have three children, John, Rocky and Roxanne.

Educator

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Slavery.

The lunch menu Feb. 18 at Ney Hall will feature southern style fare. It will feature shrimp gumbo, fried and baked chicken, barbecue ribs, macaroni with cheese, black-eyed peas, rice, greens with ham hocks, corn on the cob, cornbread, sweet potato pie, and red velvet cake.

In the Chief of Naval Operation's message commemorating National African American History Month, he said, in part, "African Americans have made extraordinary contributions to the Navy throughout its history."

Winterfest

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The 20-member band offers a variety of musical styles including jazz, swing, blues, plus patriotic and pop favorites. It is one of 14 official Navy Bands nationwide, and travels extensively throughout the Northeast, performing in

public concerts, at jazz festivals and providing clinics for secondary schools and colleges.

The festival offers something for all ages, and attracted 35,000 people last year.

Besides the Navy concert, the musical lineup also includes Eight to the Bar, Feb. 13; Beatlemania, Feb. 14; Matthew Quinn & Tish Adams, Feb. 19; The Ravers, Feb. 19; the Big Nazo Rock Band, Feb. 20; the Chris Fitz

Band, Feb. 20; Dick Lupino's Trio, Feb. 18; and Bellevue Cadillac, Feb. 21.

Artistic ice sculptors will compete at Brick Market Place on Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to judging at 2 p.m.

Restaurants, plus the Newport Fire Department, will serve up their best chili recipes in a Chili Cook-off on Feb. 14 at the Newport Harbor Hotel. The third annual Pizza Cook-off will follow on Feb. 21 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Restaurant and nightclub bartenders will compete in "best drinks" contests for the over-21 crowd. The Tropical Drink Contest will be Feb. 16 at the Rhino Bar & Grill, Thames Street; Martinis, Manhattans & More will be served in the new Club Royale at Newport Grand, Adm. Kalbfus Highway; the best "hot drinks" will be concocted at the Red Parrot on Thames Street at Memorial Boulevard on Feb. 19.

The Festival Day at Easton's

Beach will be the finale of activities on Feb. 22. It will include a children's block hunt, a sand/snow sculpting competition, carousel rides for kids, a salt water dip by the Newport Polar Bears, kite flying, and the Suspenders Jugglers Troupe.

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Navy-wide news

availability of an automated Web-based Shore Food Service Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Developed in cooperation with Commander, Navy Installations (CNI) Rear Adm. Christopher E. Weaver, the customer survey is a voluntary, short and straightforward survey of food service choices available at base locations Navywide, and should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Respondents can access the survey through the World Wide Web by pointing Internet browsers to www.surveytracker.com/survey/ashore. The password is "food."

The Web survey will be available through March 15.

Blue Angels seek enlisted

EL CENTRO, Calif. (NNS) — The Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels) announced there is a shortage of qualified applications for the 2005 season. The application deadline is April 1, and selection results will be available no later than June 1.

According to Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate (AW) Louis Arrazola, Blue Angels command career counselor and applications chief, various aviation ratings are needed to fill billets for the 2005 season.

"We put the word out two months early last November to give West Coast Sailors an opportunity to interview while we're doing our winter training in El Centro, Calif.," he said. "That was done to save them the money for the cost of travel to Pensacola, Fla."

All Navy personnel with projected rotation dates in July 2004 through February 2005 are being considered, but others may apply, pending Blue Angels and detailer approval. Personnel selected will normally detach from their present command in October 2004 and report in mid-November 2004.

Arrazola also said serving

with the Blue Angels is a good opportunity for Sailors to demonstrate their talent and skills to millions of spectators throughout North America.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase the professionalism the Navy and Marine Corps have to offer," he said. "It is also a great chance to travel throughout the United States and Canada."

Arrazola said there are open billets for aviation machinist's mate (AD) E-5 through E-7 levels, aviation electrician's mate (AE) E-4 through E-6 levels, aviation structural mechanic (AM) E-4 through E-6, aviation structural mechanic (equipment) (AME) E-5 level, aviation electronics technician (AT) E-4 through E-6 levels, aviation maintenance administration-man (AZ) E-5 through E-7 levels, storekeeper (SK) E-5 through E-6 levels, and yeoman (YN) E-5 level. YN billets are Type 1 shore duty, and only YNs completing a sea duty tour may apply. A normal tour of duty is three years and is considered Type 2 sea duty for rotational purposes. Outstanding E-4 performers will be considered.

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Best thing for flu: rest, take liquids

YOKOSUKA, Japan (NNS) — The season for runny noses and aching bodies is here. To help cope, there are many over-the-counter (OTC) products to treat nagging cold and flu symptoms.

Many pharmaceutical companies market OTC products to be new and better than any of the other products available to treat a certain list of symptoms. The interesting part about these "new" products is that when you flip the package over and read the label, the products are basically the same or very similar to medications that have been available for years.

On the package there will be a general statement about what the medication does, what it may interact with, and who should and should not take it. Ask a physician or pharmacist if you are unclear if the product will negatively interact with an existing medical condition, or medications and herbal remedies you may be taking.

Many OTC products contain more than one active ingredient. The active ingredient is the component that reduces the symptom(s) you are experiencing. For instance, ibuprofen reduces pain, fever and inflammation, and pseudoephedrine alleviates a stuffy nose. Steer clear of OTC prod-

ucts that contain unnecessary active ingredients.

Take products containing ibuprofen with food or milk to help prevent stomach discomfort. Pseudoephedrine is stimulating in adults and may affect sleeping patterns if taken close to bedtime. Children may feel the opposite

effect from pseudoephedrine and become sleepy.

Diphenhydramine, chlorpheniramine, clemastine and loratadine are antihistamines. Antihistamines are the type of medication to look for to treat a runny nose. All have the potential to make adults sleepy.

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